

ClaimsClaim Rejection:

The Examiner rejected Claims 1 and 2 "under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Ji et al. (U.S. Patent 6,686,923)." Applicant respectfully submits that the rejection of Claims 1 and 2 have been rendered moot by the cancellation of Claims 1 and 2.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner stated that Claims "3-11 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims."

Claim 3 has been rewritten to include the limitations of original Claims 1 and 2, from which original claim 3 depended. Thus, Applicant respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection to Claim 3. Furthermore, Applicant respectfully submit that the objection to claims 4-11, which depend from Claim 3, should likewise be withdrawn. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully request allowance of Claims 3-11.